

KEEP - HORSEMASTER DIVISION

Name		4-H Age		Years in 4-H	
4-H Club		Phone #			
Youth Signature					
Club Leader Signature <i>Must be signed</i>					
Club Leader Phone #					
Club Leader Email					
Parent Signature <i>(must be signed if under 18 years of age)</i>					

Requirements to competing in the Horsemaster Division at the KCYF:

- ❖ Complete Equestrian Project Book 16-19 years of age **AND**
- ❖ This book; You will turn in 2 **SEPARATE** books.
- ❖ Horsemaster Mounted Skills: 2 (two) evaluators must score the member; the score sheets must be included in BOTH Equestrian Project Book AND this book.

- ❖ The KEEP Horsemaster Division is the highest level a Kent County equine member may achieve. Horsemaster Division exhibitors are THE BEST!!!
 - We consider you the epitome of 4-H equine knowledge, leadership and sportsmanship as well as role models for younger members. It is an honor to show as a Kent County Horsemaster.
 - If you are considering this project you have worked hard within the horse world and learned a LOT. The purpose of this project is to share your knowledge with the next generation of horse enthusiast.
 - As you complete each component of the project, please create quality videos which our members can use to learn what you know and improve themselves.
 - We are asking you, through this project, to educate the younger 4H members in our county. Please recall how YOU attained your present skill level and use your experiences to create teaching videos and games for our members.
- ❖ You may address each topic through a video, learning game, or written paper.
 - Please contact a committee member if you have any questions on what we are looking for.
 - Contact information for all committee members is located at the end of the project guidelines and we are happy to help.
- ❖ **All videos and presentations must be posted to YouTube.**
 - **Please provide us with your YouTube user name, so we can find your videos and presentations.**
 - **If videos and/or presentation are not posted to YouTube, the member will receive a score of 0 on that part of the question.**
- ❖ We may publish the videos you create and make available any learning games through the extension office.
 - With this in mind, please keep the length of the videos to **5-10 minutes**; be clear, concise, and correct in your instruction to the members.
 - If you need more time to completely address a topic, please make 2 videos – part 1 and part 2.

The Horsemaster Book carries a possible total score of **202 points**. A minimum score of **161 points (80%)** is required to pass. If you have questions contact any KEEP committee member for answers, we are here to help! ☺

Pay close attention to the rubrics provided for each topic and use them as your guide in completing that topic.

NOTE: Neatness is a virtue. Anything too messy to read will receive a score of 0.

1) Tell us about your horse

8 points

Breed: _____

Height in hands / Weight in pounds: _____

Rate your horses' temperament 1- 10 with 1 being totally safe and calm and 10 being hot (like on Dreamhorse).

Give a reason for the rating:

What specific breed characteristics does your horse possess that makes him/her appealing to you? i.e. powerful hindquarters in a stock horse, refined head in an Arabian...

Why do these characteristics appeal to you?

	Points Possible
1) Tell us about your horse	8

2) Analyze Your Horse's Conformation

27 points

- ❖ This is your chance to be a halter class judge.
 - Using the judging terms found in *"Horses and Horsemanship"* chapter two (2), evaluate every body part and describe what is exceptional as well as what is undesirable in conformation and muscling.
 - Be sure to note any characteristics specific to your horse's breed.

You may use pictures or video to analyze your horse's conformation.

- ❖ **If writing about this**, include 2 clear pictures of your horse for analysis of conformation
 - You will write out your answers.
 - 1 picture should be a profile shot of your horse set up for a halter class.
 - 1 picture should clearly show your horse's head and neck.
 - 2 pts per picture: 1 pt for clarity of photo, 1 pt for a good view of horses' conformation.
- ❖ **If you use a video**,
 - You will earn 4 points for clarity of video and clear views of your horse's conformation.
 - Please make sure you can be heard clearly on the video.

Part of the horse	Description
Muzzle	
Eye	
Forehead	
Ear	
Head	
Neck	
Angle of Shoulder	
Arm	
Forearm	

Front Cannons	
Knees	
Front Pasterns	
Chest	
Back	
Loin	
Hip	
Croup	
Stifle – view from behind	
Gaskin	
Hock	
Back Cannons	
Back Pasterns	
Shape & texture of hoof, depth of heel	

	Points Possible
2) Analyze your horse's conformation	23
Picture or Video	4

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FORM TO FUNCTION (Questions 3, 4, 5)

We would LOVE your response to this question in **video form** where you actually show us your horse moving at all of his/her gaits and explain how conformation affects that movement!

- We will, of course, accept a very **thorough written explanation**.
- Please make sure to film all action from the side; a side view gives the best view of the gaits and different lengths of stride.

YOUR TASK: Explain how your horse’s conformation affects his job.

- What aspects of his conformation make him well suited to his job and make it easy for him to do what you ask?
- What aspects of his conformation make it difficult for him to perform his job?

Things to consider:

- If a horse’s head comes high out of his shoulder he will move more uphill and be better suited to jumping, saddle seat, and upper level dressage.
- If a horse’s head comes out of his shoulder lower he is better suited to western riding, penning cows, or hunt seat riding.
- A horse with powerful hindquarters may be better at gymkhana as the engine will give him a quick start.
- A shorter back is better suited to collected work and turning a barrel.
- Steeper angles in the shoulder and pasterns create a shorter stride and possibly a rougher ride.
- Are there conformation characteristics which will affect the number of years your horse will remain sound doing his job?

3) Explain how your horse’s conformation affects their movement. 36 points

- Explain how your horse’s conformation affects how he/she moves at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope. Include key points such as the tempo, balance, and length of stride for each gait.
- Describe the collected, natural, and extended movement at each gait for your horse.
- As you explain each of your horse’s gaits, please compare them to the ideal for his/her breed and the job(s) you expect your horse to do.

If you are doing a video specify when you are starting Question 4 and 5.

3) Scoring Rubric - Form to Function

Gaits	12 points	9 points	6 points	3 points	0 points
Walk: collected, natural, extended	Explanation of conformation’s affect on the horse’s ability to attain the ideal gait Description includes collected, natural, and extended gaits	Explanation of conformation’s affect on gaits missing a key conformation point Description includes collected, natural, and extended gaits	Explanation of conformation’s affect on gaits minimal but accurate Description of collected, natural, or extended gaits minimal but accurate	Explanation of conformation’s affect on gaits attempted Description of collected, natural, or extended walk attempted	Not done
Jog-trot: collected, natural, extended					
Lope-Canter: collected, natural, extended					

	Points Possible
3) Gaits	
Walk: Collected, Natural, Extended (lengthened)	12
Jog/Trot: Collected, Natural, Extended (lengthened)	12
Lope/Canter: Collected, Natural, Extended (lengthened)	12

4) Now that you've analyzed your horse's gaits based on his/her conformation, explain what jobs your horse would be (is) **best** at considering both conformation and temperament. **18 Points**

	Points Possible
4) Jobs Best Suited For	
Conformation	6
Temperament	6
Gaits	6

5) Now that you've analyzed your horse's gaits based on his/her conformation, explain what jobs your horse is **NOT suited** for considering both conformation and temperament. What will he/she definitely NOT excel at?

4 & 5) Scoring Rubric - Form to Function

Topic	6 points	3 points	0 points
conformation	Best use or biggest limitations matches conformation of horse	Best use or biggest limitations somewhat matches conformation of horse	Best use or biggest limitations do NOT match conformation of horse
temperament	Best use or biggest limitations matches temperament of horse	Best use or biggest limitations somewhat matches temperament of horse	Best use or biggest limitations do NOT match temperament of horse
gaits	Best use or biggest limitations matches gaits of horse	Best use or biggest limitations somewhat matches gaits of horse	Best use or biggest limitations do NOT match gaits of horse

	Points Possible
5) Jobs NOT Best Suited For	
Conformation	6
Temperament	6
Gaits	6

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RIDING EQUIPMENT (Questions 6 & 7)

In this section we would like you to describe how to properly fit a saddle to the horse and the rider. Please use the same type of saddle for both. Examples can be in picture or video. Explanation can be on the video or written.

How?

Make a **video** to educate our 4-H families.

OR

Make a **story board or game** which includes pictures & captions that can be used during 4-H meetings to teach members how to fit saddles.

OR

Write a paper describing this – please use pictures to describe!

6) The horse: discuss sizing the saddle to the horse’s back, level seat, pressure points. 12 Points

6) Scoring Rubric – Sizing Saddle to the Horse

Sizing to the Horse	3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points
Sizing the Saddle to the horse’s back	Discuss tree width, shoulder fit, flank and loin pressure, gullet and pommel clearance	Explanation is clear but not complete	Explanation is unclear	No explanation given
Level seat	Discussion includes a clear and concise explanation of what to look for in a level seat with examples of both a level seat and a seat that is NOT level	Explanation is unclear or incomplete OR is missing examples of a level seat or a seat that is NOT level	Explanations unclear and/or no visuals	No attempt to explain a level seat with either words or visuals
Pressure Points	Explanation includes both discussion and examples of where pressure points are most likely to occur and how to minimize them	Examples or explanation unclear or incomplete	Explanation unclear and/or No examples	No attempt to explain pressure points with either words or visuals
Presentation Quality	Presentation is clear, concise, and can be used by anyone to learn how to fit a saddle to a horse Both audio and writing use understandable language	Presentation is MOSTLY clear, concise, and easily understood with MINIMAL error. Both audio and writing use MOSTLY understandable language	Presentation is unclear, and NOT easily understood Audio and/or writing have major errors	Presentation is confusing and does not help viewer understand saddle fitting

	Points Possible
6) Saddle Sizing to the horse	
Size Measure	3
Level Seat	3
Pressure Points	3
Presentation & Completeness	3

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7) The rider: sizing the saddle to the rider’s height and build, stirrup/fender length, and characteristics of a good seat shape. 12 points

Examples can be in picture or video. Explanation can be on the video or written.

7) Scoring Rubric – Sizing Saddle to the Rider

Sizing to the Rider	3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points
Sizing the Saddle to the rider’s height	Discuss how to find the correct size seat for a rider and how the seat will affect the rider’s equitation	Explanation is clear but not complete	Explanation is unclear	Not done
Sizing the Stirrup and Fender Length to the rider’s leg length	Discuss how to fit the fender length and stirrup to the rider’s leg and includes examples of good fit and bad fit	Examples or explanation unclear and/or missing examples of either a good fit or a bad fit	Explanations unclear and/or no examples	Not done
Characteristics of a good seat shape for the saddle type being discussed	Discuss the ideal seat shape for the discipline being ridden Give an example of the ideal seat and an example of a seat that is not ideal with an explanation of what is wrong with it	Explanation or examples unclear or incomplete	Explanation unclear and/or No examples	Not done
Presentation Quality	Presentation is clear, concise, and can be used by anyone to learn how to fit a saddle to a rider Both audio and writing use understandable language	Presentation is MOSTLY clear, concise, and easily understood with MINIMAL error Both audio and writing use MOSTLY understandable language	Presentation is unclear, and NOT easily understood Audio and/or writing have major errors	Presentation is confusing and does not help viewer understand saddle fitting

	Points Possible
7) Saddle Sizing to the Person	
Size Measure	3
Fender (Stirrup) Adjustment	3
Seat Shape	3
Presentation & Completeness	3

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8) SAFETY

12 points

Please develop a list of safety rules that should be obeyed to keep you, visitors, spectators, other animals, and horses safe around the barn. Under each rule give the reason for the rule.

8) Scoring Rubric - Safety

Rules & Reasons	3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points
People and Animals	Enough rules to keep people & animals safe, no excessive rules. Rules are clear & concise	Rules miss an important safety point OR too many rules. Rules are clear	Not enough rules OR Rules not clear	Not done
Reasons for rules for people & animals	Reasons for each rule are clear, concise and correct.	Reasoning for 1-2 rules is incomplete.	Reasons for 3 or more of the rules are incomplete.	Not done

	Points Possible
8) Safety Guidelines	
People (Owners, boarders, visitors, children)	3
Reasons	3
Horse (All animals)	3
Reasons	3

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HEALTH (Question 9 & 10)

In this section we would like you to describe how to work with your vet and/or farrier.

9) Ailments/Disorders/Syndromes 9 Points

- Describe one ailment/disorder/syndrome that could afflict a horse and how you would treat it.
- Examples may include asthma, eyesight issues, PSSM, GERDA, HYPP, SCID, LFS, skin conditions, wounds, etc.
- **Written Report** – Clearly describing the ailment, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis.
- Use pictures and diagrams to demonstrate all aspects of the ailment.
- **Video Form** – Use a video to demonstrate the ailment, how to diagnosis, the treatments and prognosis.

10) First Aid Bandaging Topics 9 Points

- Utilize the following websites: AAEP www.aaep.org and/or Horse Extension www.extension.org/horses
- **Your** video will explain a first aid bandaging technique.
- We would like to use the videos to educate our 4H family.
- Include footage of a horse with each issue and a possible veterinarian or farrier interview.

9 & 10) Scoring Rubric for Health and Movement

Problem & Solution	3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points
Problem	Problem is described completely – what is the problem, why is it a problem, and how does it affect the horse?	Description of problem missing either what it is, why it is a problem, or how it affects the horse	Problem stated, not described	Not done
Solution	Solution is described completely – what it is, how it is accomplished with all details clear, concise and correct	Description of solution missing either what it is or how it is accomplished and/or description is unclear	Solution stated and/or described	Not done
Presentation Quality	Presentation is clear, concise, and can be used by anyone to learn how to resolve this problem Audio uses understandable language	Presentation is MOSTLY clear, concise, and easily understood with MINIMAL error Audio uses MOSTLY understandable language	Presentation is unclear, & NOT easily understood Audio has major errors.	Presentation is confusing & doesn't help viewer understand the issue

	Points Possible
9) Health Discussion	
Complete Description of the Health Concern	3
Describe All Possible Treatments and/or prognosis	3
Presentation Quality	3

	Points Possible
10) First Aid Bandaging	
Complete Description of the type of bandaging/location	3
Describe All Possible Ways of Bandaging the wound/location	3
Presentation Quality	3

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11) EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE

24 points

YOU MUST get your topic approved by the KEEP committee.

All topics must be approved by the KEEP committee by **June 1st**.

Your last task is to create an **educational video** to share with the rest of the county on a topic related to the horse project on which you are an expert! We all have areas of expertise and we want you to share yours!

Please pick your special talent and share it. The list below is just to give you ideas; you can choose a topic not on this list. The list of topics is only limited by your imagination!

Grooming procedures	Preparation for Showmanship Class	Banding Manes
Describe the use of a training aid	Training techniques	Body Conditioning
Giving injections	Bandaging for hauling & schooling	Bandaging for injury
Cleaning equipment & tack	Bathing & clipping	Your Ideas

11) Scoring Rubric - Educational Resource

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Content (double points)	Shows a full understanding of the topic	Shows a good understanding of the topic	Shows a good understanding of parts of the topic	Does not seem to understand the topic very well
Preparedness	Student is completely prepared and has obviously rehearsed	Student seems prepared but might have needed a couple more rehearsals	The student is somewhat prepared, but rehearsal was lacking	Student does not seem at all prepared to present
Speaks Clearly	Speaks clearly and distinctly and mispronounces no words	Speaks clearly and distinctly but mispronounces 1-3 words	Speaks clearly and distinctly most of the time. Mispronounces many	Often mumbles or cannot be understood
Proper Equipment for topic being presented	Student uses proper equipment and tack which makes the presentation better	Student uses some equipment and tack which makes the presentation better	Student uses minimal equipment to make the presentation better	The student uses no equipment, OR the equipment chosen to detract from the presentation
Category	Content (double points)	Preparedness	Speaks Clearly	Proper Equipment for topic being presented

	Points Possible
11) Educational Resource	
Topic Content	8
Preparedness	4
Pauses	4
Speaks Clearly	4
Equipment Used	4

12) PROJECT RESOURCES – Cite Your Sources!!

12 points

Please tell us where you got your information when answering each project question. Make a resource page.

- If the information came from an **interview**, give the person's name, phone number, and the date(s) of the interview.
- If the information was a **book or magazine** list the Title, Author, Publish date and page numbers where you found it.
- If it was an **Internet resource** give the Title of the page and the URL.
- If you gathered the information over years of **personal experience**, cite yourself as your resource and tell us why you are the expert on the topic.

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12) Scoring Rubric – Project Resources

Questions	2 points	1 point	0 points
Questions 1-6	2 or more resources used; Clear information given so anyone can locate resources	Only 1 resource used, and/or some resources are difficult to locate	All resources are difficult to locate, or none are given

	Points Possible
12) Project Resources	
Conformation of your horse	2
Form to Function	2
Riding Equipment	2
Safety	2
Health and Bandaging	2
Educational Resources	2

5-point Bonus Opportunity!!!

No right or wrong answer!

Please write a couple sentences telling us what you thought of this project. Did you like it? If so, what did you like? If not, what would you change to make it better?

Our committee is looking for honest feedback and will award bonus points for honest input. Thanks for your help in making our program great.

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KEEP Horsemaster Division Score Card

Name
Club
Date

Points Possible: 197 + 5 EC = 202 Points: 161 points needed to pass

Project Book Elements	Points Possible	Points Earned
1) Tell us about your horse	8	
2) Analyze your horse's conformation	27	
3) Form to Function: Explain how your horse's conformation affects their movement	36	
4) Form to Function: Disciplines best suited for	18	
5) Form to Function: Disciplines not suited for	18	
6) Riding Equipment: Sizing Saddle to Horse	12	
7) Riding Equipment: Sizing Saddle to Rider	12	
8) Safety: Barn Rules	12	
9) Health: Ailments/Disorders/Syndromes	9	
10) Health: First Aid Bandaging Techniques	9	
11) Education Resources	24	
12) Project Resources	12	
Points Possible/Subtotal	202	
13) Bonus Opportunity	5	
Total Points Earned		

Comments:

Evaluator's signature and date